Engaging God’s Future Campaign

Wartburg Theological Seminary Launches Fundraising Campaign

Wartburg Theological Seminary publicly launched a $22 million fundraising campaign on September 4, 2014. The Engaging God’s Future Campaign will strengthen the church through the formation of servant leaders for God’s mission at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

Graduates of Wartburg are valued for their strong faith, theological depth, practical wisdom, collegial spirit, and love for people. These leaders emerge from Wartburg Seminary, called to serve Christ’s church, nurturing faith, and engaging God’s future in the hearts and lives of God’s people.

“The Engaging God’s Future Campaign gives me the opportunity to talk to people about Wartburg’s unique story in mission. It also challenges me to support what WTS is and does: forming faith leaders for God’s future. It is a privilege to give back in these ways for the many gifts Wartburg has given to me, and the church,” said Campaign Co-Chair, Rev. Dr. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl (WTS ’77).

The Engaging God’s Future Campaign is an invitation to invest in God’s mission and in the formation of leaders at Wartburg Theological Seminary through gifts to sustain mission, enhance innovation in learning, increase scholarships for students, and strengthen the future of the church through theological education.

“Campaigns represent transformational moments for institutions. This Engaging God’s Future Campaign comes at a transformational moment for Wartburg. Much hard work and the partnerships of many have contributed to a strong financial turnaround for Wartburg Seminary. The launch of the public phase of this campaign is an opportunity to continue building on this success,” said Rev. Dr. Stanley N. Olson, President of Wartburg Theological Seminary.

Many friends and partners have given and pledged generously in the quiet phase of the campaign. This has allowed Wartburg to announce the public campaign with $12.5 million already committed towards the campaign goal of $22 million.

Chair of the Board of Directors and Campaign Co-Chair, Rev. Dr. Stephen Cornils (WTS ’70), said, “Wartburg is in a very good place after finishing its fifth consecutive year with positive cash balance. This is a result of careful spending and generous giving and now we have great momentum for building toward Wartburg’s preferred future through the Engaging God’s Future Campaign.”

President Olson concluded, “Engaging God’s Future is an invitation to all who care about the future of Christ’s church—congregation and community members from the areas Wartburg serves, all our own graduates, and others. Wartburg is in its 161st year of service, and we have effective and efficient programs, sustainable financial strength and the church has a growing need for new servant leaders. I invite all to be part of the mission opportunities God is providing.”

• Gifts That Sustain Wartburg Seminary Fund
• Gifts That Enhance Program Innovation
• Gifts That Endure Scholarship Endowment and General Endowment